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SUBJ : SULSKIENE/KUDIRKA CASE

REF: STATE 132179 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING TO US SOURCE, WHO SPOKE TO FRIEND OF MRS. SULSKIENE IN GRISKABUDIS JULY 1, OVIR OFFICIALS IN VILNIUS TOLD MRS. SULSKIENE JUNE 24 THAT HER APPLICATION WAS IN ORDER AND THEY WOULD INFORM HER THROUGH SAKIAI MILITIA OF DECISION ON HER CASE.

2. IN ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT, VILNIUS OVIR OFFICIAL THEN ASKED MRS. SULSKIENE IF SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT HER SON AT PRISON. WHEN SHE SAID SHE WOULD, OVIR OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY ADDED THAT PERHAPS SHE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ALONG MR. KUDIRKA'S TWO CHILDREN. MRS. SULSKIENE WAS TOLD THAT CAR WOULD PICK HER AND CHILDREN UP IN GRISKABUDIS JULY 15.

3. US SOURCE ARRANGED TO CALL MRS. SULSKIENE JULY 3 TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT. WHEN CALL WENT THROUGH, HOWEVER, SOURCE WAS TOLD BY MRS. SULSKIENE'S
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FRIEND-WHO APPARENTLY IS LOCAL TELEPHONE OPERATOR-THAT

MRS. SULSKIENE HAD DEPARTED FOR LITHUANIAN TOWN OF PALANGA TO MEET ACQUAINTANCE OF SIMAS WHO HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM CAMP WHERE SIMAS IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED. MRS. SULSKIENE'S FRIEND DID NOT KNOW HOW THIS MEETING HAD BEEN ARRANGED.

4. SOURCE PLANS TO CALL GRISKABUDIS JULY 6 AND HAS ASKED MRS. SULSKIENE'S FRIEND TO HAVE MRS. SULSKIENE COME TO THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AT THAT TIME.

5. MEANWHILE, DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED OUT APPROACH TO RESOLVING QUESTION OF SIMAS' CITIZENSHIP STATUS. SINCE TIMING MAY BE IMPORTANT, IN LIGHT OF MRS. SULSKIENE'S JULY 15 VISIT TO PRISON, MAIN POINTS OF DEPARTMENT'S APPROACH (SPELLED OUT IN OM DATED JUNE 28) ARE REPEATED HERE: QUOTE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY WITHIN EMBASSY'S DISCRETION TO IMPLEMENT PROCESSING OF CASE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A: TRY TO OBTAIN A COPY OF MR. KUDIRKA'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE. HOWEVER, IF THAT DOCUMENT IS NOT RECEIVED IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE EMBASSY SHOULD SECURE AN AFFIDAVIT FROM HIS MOTHER STATING THAT HE WAS BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK AND TO HER KNOWLEDGE HE WAS NEVER LEGITIMATED UNDER LITHUANIAN LAW BY MARRIAGE OR BY ADJUDICATION OF ANY COURT PRIOR TO JANUARY 13, 1941.

B: TRY TO OBTAIN SIMILAR AFFIDAVITS, OR AT LEAST WRITTEN STATEMENTS, THAT HE WAS NEVER LEGITIMATED (UNDER LITHUANIAN LAW) BY HIS NATURAL FATHER, FROM HIS UNCLE (MRS. SULSKIENE'S BROTHER) AND MRS. ACHENBACH'S SISTER (NAME NOT KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT) WHO LIVES IN THE SAME COMMUNITY AS MRS. SULSKIENE.

C: PERMIT MRS. SULSKIENE TO APPLY, AS NEXT OF KIN, FOR REGISTRATION AND COMPLETION OF QUESTIONNAIRE IN KUDIRKA'S BEHALF.

D: IF THE EMBASSY IS SATISFIED WITH KUDIRKA'S IDENTITY AND CITIZENSHIP ACQUISITION AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF LOSS OF NATIONALITY, FROM THE EVIDENCE OF RECORD, THE
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ISSUANCE OF A CARD OF IDENTITY IS AUTHORIZED IF AND WHEN MR. KUDIRKA REQUESTS DOCUMENTATION.

E: IF KUDIRKA DEPARTS THE USSR AND IT SHOULD LATER DEVELOP FROM NEW EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS COMMITTED AN ACT OF EXPATRIATION, WHATEVER ACTION MAY BE NECESSARY WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME.END QUOTE

6. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IF MRS. SULSKIENE AGREES, AND EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY SHOULD SEND CONSULAR OFFICER TO GRISKABUDIS TO INTERVIEW MRS. SULSKIENE AND OTHER AVAILABLE WITNESSES PRIOR TO HER JULY 15 TRIP TO SEE SIMAS. SINCE CONSULAR VISIT COULD COMPLICATE SOVIET WILLINGNESS TO ALLOW MRS. SULSKIENE TO VISIT HER SON, WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEND EMBASSY OFFICER TO GRISKABUDIS WITHOUT HER CLEAR CONCURRENCE. ON OTHER HAND, IF SIMAS' CITIZENSHIP STATUS CAN BE TENTATIVELY DETERMINED BY TRIP TO GRISKABUDIS, IT WOULD THEN BE POSSIBLE FOR MRS. SULSKIENE TO TELL SIMAS WHEN SHE SEES HIM THAT IF HE WISHES TO MAKE CLAIM TO US CITIZENSHIP, EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS AMERICAN CITIZEN.

7. DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED US CONTACT TO RAISE IN LOW KEY POSSIBILITY OF CONSULAR TRIP TO GRISKABUDIS PRIOR TO JULY 15 WHEN CONTACT SPEAKS TO MRS. SULSKIENE JULY 6. WE WILL IMMEDIATELY INFORM EMBASSY OF HER RESPONSE.

8. FYI. MRS. SULSKIENE'S US CONTACT AND INTERESTED US-LITHUANIAN GROUPS RECOGNIZE THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL OF VISIT TO SIMAS MAY BE PLOY ULTIMATELY INTENDED TO DISCOURAGE MRS. SULSKIENE FROM LEAVING USSR OR OTHERWISE FROM AGITATING ON SON'S BEHALF. THEY FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION MUST BE LEFT TO MRS. SULSKIENE. SISCO

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